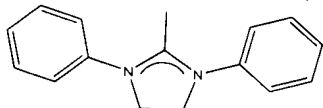


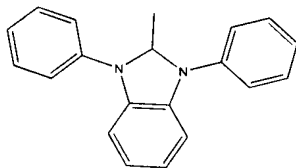
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner Kosack has withdrawn the previous Election Requirement noting that our traversal comments filed on September 8, 2008 were persuasive. Nonetheless, the claims have now been divided into Groups as follows:

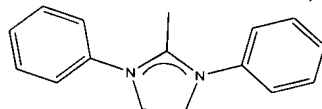
Group I: Claims 19-41 (in part), drawn to diodes comprising a compound of formula I where m is 0, o is 0, n is 3, and carbene is:



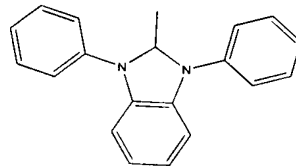
Group II: Claims 19-41 (in part), drawn to diodes comprising a compound of formula I where m is 0, o is 0, n is 3, and carbene is:



Group III: Claims 19-41 (in part), drawn to diodes comprising a compound of formula I where m is 1, o is 1, n is 2, and carbene is:

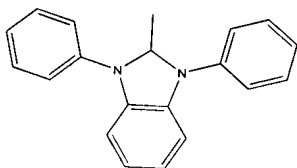


Group IV: Claims 19-41 (in part), drawn to diodes comprising a compound of formula I where m is 1, o is 1, n is 2, and carbene is:



Group V: Claims 19-41 (in part), drawn to any other compound of formula I not mentioned in Groups I-IV.

Applicants elect, for examination and with traverse, Group II, Claims 19-41 (in part) drawn to diodes comprising a compound of formula I where m is 0, o is 0, n is 3, and carbene is:



Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are independent or patentably distinct and there would be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if restriction is

not required (MPEP §803). The burden is on the Examiner to provide reasons and/or examples to support any conclusion in regard to patentable distinction (MPEP §803). Moreover, when citing lack of unity of invention in a national stage application, the Examiner has the burden of explaining why each group lacks unity with each other group specifically describing special technical features in each group (MPEP § 1893.03(d)).

The Office has asserted that Groups I - V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: “the groups are linked together via formula I which does not have a constant core structure. Lack of a constant core structure leads to an *a priori* determination of lack of unity as there is no substantial shared structure to act as the special technical feature.”

Applicants submit that Groups I to V do relate to a single general inventive concept because the groups are linked together via a constant core structure. The common feature of all of the complexes of claims 19-41 is that they all comprise at least one carbene ligand (see formula I). Therefore, the single general inventive concept of claims 19-41 is the presence of at least one carbene ligand in the complexes of formula I.

Additionally, Annex B of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT at (b) Technical Relationship states:

“The expression “special technical features” is defined in Rule 13.2 as meaning those technical features that defines a contribution which each of the inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. The determination is made on the contents of the claims as interpreted in light of the description and drawings (if any).”

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not provided any indication that the contents of the claims *interpreted in light of the description* was considered in making the assertion of a lack of unity and therefore has not met the burden necessary to support the assertion.

Furthermore, MPEP §806.03 states:

“Where the claims of an application define the same essential characteristics of a *single* disclosed embodiment of an invention, restriction therebetween should never be required. This is because the claims are not directed to distinct inventions; rather they are different definitions of the same disclosed subject matter, varying in breadth or scope of definition.”

Applicants respectfully submit that the Office has not considered the relationship of the inventions of Groups I-V with respect to MPEP §806.03. Therefore the burden necessary according to MPEP § 1893.03(d) to sustain the conclusion that the groups lack of unity of invention has not been met.

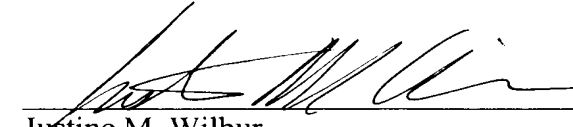
Accordingly, and for the reasons presented above, Applicants submit that the Office has failed to meet the burden necessary in order to sustain the requirement for restriction.

Applicants therefore request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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